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I Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and that I will truly and faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Governor of the Territory of Idaho to the best of my knowledge and ability. So help me God.

Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 2d day of March A.D. 1864

John F Miller
Ass Justice Supreme
Court N.T.

Attest: "Copy"
S. D. Cochran
Actg Secty N.T.

Proclamation
By
Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale, Governor of The Territory of Idaho.

Whereas, It is provided in a Bill to amend "An Act to provide a Temporary Government for the Territory of Idaho, approved March 3rd 1863" It is declared "That the Governor of the Territory be, and he is hereby authorized to apportion said Territory for the election of members of the Council and House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly: Provided, That said apportionment shall be based on an enumeration of the inhabitants and qualified voters of the several Counties and districts of the Territory, to be taken by such persons and in such mode as the Governor shall designate and appoint:

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"Provided further, That this Act shall not be construed to divest any Member of the Council elected at the first election in said Territory, of any right he may have acquired by virtue of said election, who was elected from any county or district within the present limits of the Territory of Idaho."

Sec 2 "And be it further enacted, That the annual Election in said Territory for the election of all officers provided for by the Laws of said Territory, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty four, shall be held at such places as are now provided by law, and such other places as the Governor may direct, on the second Monday of October."

Whereas, By virtue of the aforesaid enactments I have appointed Special Marshals to take said enumeration, the returns of whose

sworn Statements are on file.
Now therefore I. Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale, by authority vested in me, do declare and order that said election shall take place on the second Monday of October A.D. 1864: The precincts and Judges of Election to be as have been directed by the County Commissioners of the various Counties, according to law, except as hereinafter provided for.
For members of Legislative Council there shall be elected:
In Owyhee ——— one
" Alturas & Oneida (Jointly) — one
" Idaho ——— one
For members of House of Representatives there shall be elected:
In Boise County ..... five
" Owyhee County ——— two
" Alturas and Oneida (Jointly) — one
" Idaho County ——— two
" Shoshones County ——— one
" Nez Perce and unorganized districts North ——— two
There shall be established the following precincts, viz:
Mount Idaho, Nez Perce County
White Bird, Idaho County
Soda Springs Oneida County
The Judges of Election for the latter precinct to be chosen by the qualified electors according to law.
At Mount Idaho I appoint as Judges of Election Loyal P. Brown, James Odell and A. Shumway.
At Whitebird, for Judges of Election A. Chapman, Charles Brown and Charles Snider.
Given under my hand

and Seal of said Territory, at Lewiston, this nineteenth day of September A.D 1864, and of the independence of the United States of America the eighty ninth.

(L.S.)

Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale

By the Governor:
Silas D. Cochran
Acting Secretary.

Proclamation by Caleb Lyon Governor of the Territory of Idaho:

Whereas at a general Election held on the second Monday in October pursuant to an act of Congress, entitled an act to amend an act to provide a temporary Government for the Territory of Idaho Approved March 3 - 1863 and whereas on said second Monday in October E. D. Holbrook received a majority of all the votes Cast for Delegate to the House of Representatives of the United States, Therefore I Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale in accordance with the 13th Section of the Organic Act of the Territory, hereby declare said E. D. Holbrook to be duly elected Delgate to the House of Representatives for the term of two years

Given Under my hand and Seal of said Territory at Lewiston this 4th day of November A.D 1864 and of the Independence of the United States of America the Eighty Ninth

Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale

By the Governor

Silas D. Cochran
Acting Secretary.

Message of Gov^r Lyon
To the
Territorial Legislature of Idaho
Lewiston November 16th A.D 1864

Gentlemen of the Council
And House of Representatives

Amid this hour, when the clouds of Civil war darken the atmosphere - lighted only by the sunbursts of glory that surround the achievements of our heroic Army and devoted Navy; when a dicked Rebellion lies like a writhing serpent, death-wounded in the last hours of its venomous existence, and over its gory form the shining waters of the rivers of peace sparkle temptingly, just beyond our lips; - in this hour, when our hearts are still bleeding for the loved ones who have fallen nobly in this great strife for the Union and the Constitution of our Fathers, when the tears are undried in the eyes of the widow and the death-damp still pales the cheek of the husband, when the resources and blood and treasure have all gone forth as precious sacrifices upon freedom's holiest altar; - When the rights of Self-Government are imperiled by this Contest, and Emperors and Kings stand ready to cast lots for the parted robe of departing Liberty; - thus you meet, the Servants of Confiding Constituencies, to aid Idaho's advancement towards Statehood, by the patriotism of your purposes, the soundness of your judgment and the wisdom of your deliberations. The Beneficent Care of the best of Governments is your heritage and that of your Children's Children, and only as faithful Representatives can you prove worthy of so hallowed a trust, by transmitting it, undimmed by time, unsullied by dishonor, without a stain of disloyalty, to future Generations.

I Congratulate you that general health and prosperity has been the lot of all classes of men, and Branches of industry within our Territory.

I Congratulate you that quiet has been maintained in our borders, Justice has been administered, and the laws promptly and impartially executed

I Congratulate you that the Soil, Wherever cultivated and irrigated, has yielded the richest harvest to the Husbandman, and manual labor received its highest Reward.

I Congratulate you upon the new and important discoveries of the precious metals, from the mountains of Peud d'Oreille, the gulches of South Boise to the shores of the Bruns, Rewarding well the arduous zeal of the pioneer and the prospector.

I Congratulate you that the ever faithful Nez Perces, true to their ancient friendship for the White man, under many provocations and temptations, have given an admirable lesson of Christian forbearance and fidelity to the Government.

I Congratulate you upon the extraordinary energy displayed by the people, in the Constructions of Roads, in the building of towns, the improvement of ranches, the sinking of Shafts, and the immense Export of Gold and Silver this year, second to no State or Territory in the Union.

I would Respectfully Submit for your Consideration that portion of the Organic Act that wisely provides for the support of Schools in the future. It is in the Common School that the most of our Children take their first and final lessons in education. It is in them that the most of us are prepared for the duties and struggles of life, and it is to them more than all other Causes that we owe the instinctive love for our institutions, and acquire the knowledge and self reliance to defend them. The blessings of free Schools, like the dews of Heaven, fall on the rich and poor alike, and the instructions we receive in our youth are the last that we remember in our old age. They are the Conservators of morals, the handmaids of Religion, and the mothers of patriotism.

I would Respectfully Submit for your Consideration, the laws passed by the last Legislature, and urge upon you a thorough Revision and Codification of the same, either by an act

authorizing the appointment of a Commission or otherwise. The many typographical Errors, Omissions, Repetitions and Conflicting Sections, prevent the masses of the people, as well as the officers in the Territory, from Knowing what is law, and are of no small detriment to the Courts. This opinion is maintained by many able Jurists, and it seems that some Remedy is indispensable.

I would Respectfully Submit for your Consideration the Report of the Territorial Auditor, showing the Amount of the indebtedness of the Territory, and what Moneys were Received and how disbursed also the Kinds of money Collected in the different Counties. An Economical administration of affairs Can alone secure Respect at home or Credit abroad. Public faith with the Creditors of the Territory Should be Kept inviolate. In Connection with this Report, I would Suggest that all taxes levied be payable in a Uniform Currency, as the manner best Calculated to give Satisfaction to the Entire people, and that officers Connected with its Collection and disbursement be held to a strict accountability, by a Suitable Law, incapable of a doubtful meaning or double Construction, so far as their duties are Concerned.

I would Respectfully Submit for your Consideration that provisions be made for Compensating the Territorial Auditor and Probate Judges for their official Labors. Some provisions, Doubtless, will be made, so that Capable persons will fill the positions. Perhaps it would be well to limit the amount of Compensation of County officers to a fixed Sum, and allow all in excess of that Amount to go to the Treasury. I Question the policy of having Fees allowed, which, in Certain localities, amounts to Several Thousands of dollars, while in other localities, for like duties and Confinement to official Labor, the fees Amount to a bare Subsistance. All officers Should be well and promptly paid

I would Respectfully Submit for your Consideration that the means of Communication with the different parts of the Territory is a Subject of primary importance, and it is of questionable policy to grant Special Franchises to irresponsible individuals without Guarding them in such a manner that the best interests of the people shall not suffer by their failure to Comply with the Required Stipulations. It Strikes me a General Law to meet all such Cases would effect, in a better way, this purpose than the legislation heretofore had on the Subject. The Ancient Emigrant Road through a portion of Idaho, trodden by the feet of the early Settlers, made precious by their Sufferings, often dyed with their Blood and Consecrated by their graves, in fact the true Via Sacra, if possible, should Remain free to all, and if Improvements are made and Chartered Rights Granted, let it be over those portions Where an absolute necessity Commends them to your Judgment.

I Would Respectfully Submit for your Consideration the necessity of a Militia Law, as Contemplated in the provisions of the Organic Act. A Militia perfectly organized, well equiped, is the Cheapest means for home protection, and the surest way of securing peace with the hostile tribes upon our Borders. Wherever the fact is known, that independent Companies, under Such a Law, have been organized, it insures the security of the Territory, and Should Outrages be perpetrated or Outbreaks occur, they would be the great Reliance of the friends of Law and order. Leaving with You the details, I feel the Subject will Receive that Share of attention that it so well deserves.

I would Respectfully Submit to You for your Consideration, the Pressing interests of this Territory. By judicious Legislation You will invite Outside Capital, without Stint, to aid in

their development; this interest should be most kindly fostered as the bed rock of Idaho's prosperity. Some system of General legislation by which security of the Claimants of claims, and uniform laws throughout the different Mining Camps could be had, would accomplish an end earnestly desired. In this Connection, I would call Your attention to the Gold and Silver Quartz Lead Law, and for the better protection of that hardy Class of our population, to whom danger is not a Sentiment, and fear is unknown, who amid trackless wastes, Snow-clad Mountains, and deep doron Canyons, pursue their enterprises with no Capital but their rough hands, and no defender but their Revolver; who, without the Knowledge of books, have given the world its choicest Geological, Geographical and Agricultural information, in tracing ledges, traversing Rivers and exploring valleys, which, but for them, would have still remained an unknown land beyond the Rocky Mountains. That under no circumstances should they lose all the benefits resulting from their Original discoveries; legislation should take the place of litigation, and proper Amendments be made which would secure to them all their hard earned Rights and privileges.

The vast immeasurable Structural wealth imbodied within our Confines, so nicely balanced of Mineral, farming and Grazing interests, with Mountain forests of timber land, and water powers of every description, eminently adapt us for a self supporting Community. The fertile Bottom lands of the St Joseph, Coeur d'Alene, Spokane, Lake tah, Palouse Lapwai, Koos Koos Kia, Nas to Payette River, Boise, Malade and their tributaries would alone sustain, prosperly cultivated,

a population larger than most of the Atlantic States; while the Ranges of mountains "Bunch Grass" suitable for herds, cover millions of acres. Add to this placer diggings, of greater or less richness, extending for hundreds of square miles, with well defined gold and silver bearing quartz ledges, unrivalled by those of Mexico or Peru; (A glorious climate, with Syrian summers and Italian winters,) bespeak the permanence of our untold resources, and the prosperity that surely and positively await their development.

I earnestly request your Co-operation that Congress be memorialized for the removal of the obstructions to the navigation of the Snake or Shoshone River. A few thousand dollars properly expended, would give this portion of the Territory a water communication with the Pacific nearly the entire season. The same principle in granting the appropriations would apply as in other River and harbor internal improvement bills.

I earnestly request your Co-operation, that the War Department be memorialized, to establish two military posts, one between Soda Springs and Great Kanzas Prairie, and another on the headwaters of the Owyhee River — for the protection of the frontier settlements — those now established having, from the numerous populations around them, ceased to effect this desirable purpose.

I earnestly request your Co-operation that Congress be memorialized for the establishment of a Mint and Assay office in this Territory, that the honest miner should not be doubly taxed for he hardly realizes the proceeds of his labor. Where the gold is produced there it should be Coined, without the delays and expenses of a tedious transportation.

I earnestly request Your Co-operation that Congress be memorialized to Construct a military

road from Lewiston via Elk City to Fort Benton not only to aid the great emigration flowing westward, but as a necessity at the present time; that route being much more feasible than the Mullan Wagon Road, and the distance shortened by several hundred miles from any route now traveled.

I earnestly request your Co-operation that Congress be memorialized to establish a mail route from Lewiston to the Humboldt River and Red Bluffs via Slate Creek, Florence, Warren's Diggings, Payette Lake, Payetteville, Boise City, Ruby City and Owyhee as the best practicable method of accommodating the growing interest of those sections of our extended domain, and facilitating our intercourse with Nevada and California.

I earnestly request your Co-operation, that Congress be memorialized to establish a daily mail line from Salt Lake to Boise City believing that with the immigration and the migration it will contribute, in the way of mail facilities, to do the greatest good to the greatest number, cementing the warm ties of affection and interest which binds us indissolubly to the Atlantic Coast.

I earnestly Request your Co-operation, that Congress be memorialized to grant the Charter for a Branch Pacific Railroad from some point near Salt Lake City to Walla Walla thereby Connecting the waters of the Colorado with the waters of the Upper Columbia. The measure of this measure are of National importance as a great Commercial thoroughfare through our Territory, they cannot be too highly valued. It is an Enterprise that our rapidly increasing population will, with great unanimity, heartily approve.

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Whether my suggestions are carried out or others supply their place, it will be my

pleasure to give my hearty sanction to all measures that shall seem to benefit and forward the well being of the entire people; and may you, as Legislators, be wisely influenced by that Wisdom that Cometh from above, and God ever have you in His Holy Keeping

Proclamation

Thanksgiving Let us give to the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords, for the foundation, preservation and perpetuation of the Government of the United States against the manifold schemes of wicked men, the attacks of open enemies, and the machinations of secret foes.

Thanksgiving Let us give to the God of Battles, who holds the destiny of nations in the hollow of His hand, for victories upon the Lands, and for victories upon the Seas, and for the blessings of uninterrupted health, and fruitful harvests, during a time of great National anxiety and trouble.

Thanksgiving Let us give to the God of Mercies for healing the wounded, comforting the sick and imprisoned, consoling the widows and the fatherless, and delivering those that mourn in bondage.

In accordance with the recommendations of the President of the United States, I, Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale, Governor of the Territory of Idaho, hereby appoint Thursday, November twenty fourth, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer, and truly commend its observance.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the great seal of the Territory of Idaho.

(Seal)

Done at Lewiston, this fifteenth day of November A. D. 1864, and the year of the Independence of the United States the eighty ninth.

Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale

By the Governor

Silas D. Cochran.

Acting Secretary

A True Copy Howlett

I. C. DeWitt Smith having been
appointed Secretary of the Territory of Idaho,
by the President of the United States
do solemnly Swear that I have never voluntarily
borne arms against the United States since I have
been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily
given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encourage-
ment to persons engaged in armed hostility
thereto; that I have neither sought nor accepted
nor attempted to exercise the functions of any
office whatever under any authority or pre-
tended authority in hostility to the United
States; that I have never yielded a volun-
tary support to any pretended government,
authority, power, or constitution, within the
United States, hostile or inimical thereto.
And I do further swear (or affirm) that to the
best of my knowledge and ability, I will sup-
port and defend the Constitution of the United
States against all enemies, foreign and domestic;
that I will bear true faith and allegiance
to the same; that I take this obligation free-
ly, without any mental reservation or purpose
of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully
discharge the duties of the office on which I
am about to enter: So help me God.

C. DeWitt Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this
Second day of March A. D. 1863 at
Lewiston Idaho Territory

Alex C Smith

Judge of 1st Judicial Dist

Proclamation

Let us render thanks unto the God of our Fathers for his unceasing care and gracious protection in our Great Deliverance from a bloody civil war, and for the Crowning Mercy of a glorious peace and an unbroken Union.

Let us render thanks unto the Giver of every good and perfect gift; for uncounted blessings and continual favors; for the garnered grain of our valleys and the gathered gold of our mountains.

Let us render thanks unto the Almighty Father who has kept us from pestilence, who has saved us from famine, who has given us this goodly land for an heritage, and whose loving kindness endureth forever and ever.

Let us render thanks unto the God of Abrahams, for the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and with humiliation confess and renounce our sins, and ask with one voice and one heart that we be illuminated with divine guidance in the way of holiness. For righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.

In accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, I Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale, Governor of the Territory of Idaho, hereby appoint the first Thursday of December as a day of thanksgiving and praise and earnestly recommend its observance.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the great Seal of Idaho. Done at Boise City this the 11th day of November, A. D. 1865

and the year of the Independence of the United States the ninety.

Seal

Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale

By the Governor

Horace C Gilson

Secretary

a true Copy Howlett

Message,

Gentlemen of the Council and House of Representatives:

The temple of war is closed. No more shall its iron-mouthed and brazen-throated cannon plead forth dread mission over half a thousand battle fields, where sleeps their last sleep, the victor and the vanquished. No more shall the ear of night be pierced with the echoes of fierce assault and stubborn defense from encompassed and beleaguered cities. The conflict is over and with it expired the cause. They who appeal to the last argument of kings, appealed in vain. The Constitution of our common country has been vindicated, and the Union gallantly sustained. The destroyers have become the restorers, and those who were the last in war have been the first to hail the glorious advent of peace. Each returning State is welcomed with national joy, each renewed tie of the ancient fraternity of feeling is another evidence of the wisdom of the Government, in its position that statehood may be suspended but can only with annihilation die. I heartily congratulate you as a source of profound gratitude to the God of nations, that the representatives of thirty-seven sovereignties will assemble this December, as of yore, at the Capitol in Washington, over which the old flag floats with a newer splendor, lighted by the stately stars of a perfect constellation. No older communities than many precedents, no lamps, guide the feet of the Legislator on this beaten way, but here, in the paramount interest that presents itself, our legislation has no analogues. Personal security, protection of property, the fostering of moral and material advancement, will give wide scope for your judicious investigation and patient research. To your care, your wisdom, and your judgment, I am here confided, in part, the welfare of the people of this Territory, and under such auspicious circumstances may you, as Representatives, prove worthy of their fullest confidence.

Common Schools

Herewith is respectfully submitted the Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, containing the needful data for you to wisely consider in relation to our Territorial Common School System, and to such other suggestions as reference thereto.

I would commend an amendment to the School Law, empowering the people of the School Districts to raise money by a special tax for building School Houses. This power, by inadvertency, was not provided in the law when enacted, and is strongly recommended by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who considers it absolutely necessary to the success of our system of common education.

Auditors and Treasurer's Report.

I also transmit the Reports of the Territorial Auditor and Territorial Treasurer for your examination and consideration, leaving to your discretion the means of remedying the defects and wants in their various departments.

Military.

Your attention is directed to the need which exists for a Militia Law, which will serve as an excellent auxiliary for the preservation of order in our midst, or defense from an unfriendly ebullition of temper on the part of the aborigines, against our distant and far removed Settlements. No words of mine are necessary to impress upon you the necessity of this measure, and the single fact that Idaho is the only Territory lacking this essential Statute Law, will carry with it its own argument and influence in its favor.

Divorces.

The course pursued by the late Territorial Legislature, concerning the granting of divorces, is one worthy of imitation. The courts are the proper tribunals before which all such cases legitimately belong, and they should be rightly left to their jurisdiction.

Territorial Agricultural Society.

For the better encouragement of ranchmen and farmers who are making the valleys golden with grain, and who are growing in great perfection the most of our edible roots, as well as the fattening of kine; who, by their labors in peaceful agricultural occupation give health and prosperity to our growing community. I would suggest the propriety of incorporating a Territorial Agricultural Society for improvement in the breeding of stock as well as in the labors of the dairy; being confident that the annual

fairs, as in other portions of the United States, would be promotive of great good and mutual benefit. Annual addresses, and the distribution of premiums, would be occasions when entertainment and instruction would most harmoniously blend.

The comparison of different modes of culture, the gathering together of natural productions, as well as female handicraft, with the interesting varieties of stock from home as well as that from abroad - each year changing the location of the fair from one of the larger places in the Territory to another - with the natural intermingling of citizens and interchanging of ideas, could not but elevate us as individuals and still further as a young and promising commonwealth.

Franchises

Public roads are of primary importance for mail routes, passenger routes and freight routes, as the best means of communicating with the neighboring States and Territories; in fact public roads by either sea board or navigable rivers at all seasons of the year, they are our main reliance for transportation of every kind, and should be fostered and improved throughout every portion of the Territory. Wherever charitable rights are granted they should be jealously guarded and only granted when reasonable security will guarantee the necessary expenditure without which special franchise should be null and void. By reason the matter of toll on roads and bridges to be fixed by the County Commissioners of the several counties, it would place the subject more immediately in the hands of the people in their respective localities.

Snake River to be Made Navigable

The few obstructions which exist to the navigation of the Shoshonee river, between Wallula and Lewiston, ought and should be removed. It is a matter of justice to Northern Idaho, I renew the recommendation that Congress be memorialized and feel confident that by a liberal exertion, the desirable internal improvement will at last be achieved.

Mint and Assay Office

Our acknowledged necessity exists for the location of an Assay Office and Mint within the confines of our Territory. The production, at the lowest approximate, of seventeen millions of dollars in gold and silver, for the last year, with the fairest prospect of a large increase on those figures in the future, is of itself a powerful argument in its favor. Add to this the burden imposed upon the honest miner, by a tax of from five to eight per cent, in expense and transportation, ere his dust can be turned into dollars, and you have really so strong a case that it does not seem possible that Congress will long neglect to a memorial of the Territorial Legislature in its favor. The Mint and Assay Office of Dahlonega, in the State of Georgia, here established when the production of gold of that State was computed by only as many thousands as ours is of millions, and even non-gold producing States have had granted both Mints and Assay Offices while depending upon the gold and silver produced beyond their borders. It is but just here to remark that Legal Tender Notes are sold higher for gold in Idaho than in San Francisco or New York; no better evidence could be given of the faith of the people in the stability of the Government, or their loyalty to the Union. Your attention to this matter is sincerely desired as for eminently right and proper.

Lewiston Wagon Road to Helena

It is left to your discretion whether it would not be well to memorialize Congress for an appropriation for the construction of a road from Lewiston, in Northern Idaho, to Helena, in the Territory of Montana via the Lolo Fork and Bitter Root Valley. From this rapidly increasing trade in that direction and the late important discoveries in the Blackfoot country of the precious metals, as well as the difficulties attendant upon the navigation of the headwaters of the Missouri river, this route is the nearest now known between the two points named. Loaded pack mules have made the trip in Life than twelve days. The communication secured by a practicable highway, the benefits would be incalculable in opening up the country for settlement, as well as under permanent what is now but a temporary trade and intercourse from the Pacific slope.

Mullen Road

A memorial for an appropriation from Congress for clearing the obstructions in the Mullen Wagon Road, is recommended. Ranches are already being located on the valleys of the Saluas, the Lahtoh, and on the plains of the Spokan River, and the new discoveries of gold bearing ledges in the Coer d'Alene Mountains, give great promise for the future of this outlet to the Columbia River. It also would facilitate the communications with Fort Benton and Denver, its most eastern terminus, through a grazing and timbered country, capable of yielding a rich return to the settler.

Mails

The subject of the want of cheaper mail service, both daily and tri-weekly. In many parts of the Territory it works great hardship from the high price of postage. Congress, by declaring post routes, can alone remedy this great inconvenience.

Railroad from Salt Lake to the Columbia River

After a careful series of soundings at low water, it has been found that the Snake or Shoshone river can be made navigable at a nominal expense, from Old Ferry to Salmon Falls, a distance of two hundred and fifty miles, thus making an important link in the chain of railroad communication from the north end of Great Salt Lake to Wallula via Grand Road Valley and Walla Walla, over the lowest pass in the Blue Mountains. With about one hundred miles of navigation on Great Salt Lake we have left than four hundred miles of railroad to build to render a branch Pacific Railroad a success, whose western most will be Portland, and its terminus Great Salt Lake City. This route is some five hundred miles nearer China and Japan than the trunk route through Nevada and California, and by your endorsement of the state of facts in a proper way, by memorial, it cannot fail attract favorably the attention of Congress, that we may have the same chartered rights and Government bounty to induce its construction that has been given to other measures of a similar character. Thus the Columbia river, the natural avenue of commerce, would attract the trade of the orient as well as the occident, and from the

last ground link in this truly national highway. Oregon, as well as the Territories of Montana & Washington, will be largely the gainers by its progress and completion.

Territorial Buildings

The want of Territorial Buildings at the Capitol - not only chambers for the Council and Representatives, but offices for the Executive and other departments - can only be remedied by strengthening the hands of our delegate by an appeal to Congress, in a plain, concise statement of our actual needs. Other Territories have had liberal appropriations, and why not Idaho? One hundred thousand dollars is a sum we reasonably might expect, for such necessary buildings, from the benevolent care of the best of Governments, and if properly urged it is earnestly hoped our prayer will be granted.

Idaho's Inducements for Immigration.

The following localities, in good paying placer diggings, have been brought into success the last year, and in a majority of them gold and silver-bearing quartz ledges are being developed: Elk City, Oro Fino, Clearwater Station, Salmon River, Millers Camp, Warren Diggings, Meadow Creek, Snake River bars, Gold Fork on the Payette, Boise Basin - embracing Placerville, Centerville, Pioneer City, Idaho City, Buena Vista Bar and Moores Town; Jay Bee District - embracing Boonville, Ruby and Silver Cities, Star Eagle and Sterling Mountains, Flint, Mammoth and Vale; Orleans District, with Wood River; while South Bow, embracing Esmeralda, Rocky Bar, Red Warren, Bear Creek, Elk Creek Yuba, Silver Mountain and Silver Creek, attract much attention from each new development. New mines on Bear River, and in the Goose Creek Mountains, also in the vicinity of Lemhi and Soda Springs, have been reported from authorities entitled to confidence. All legislation should be carefully moulded to invite capital, and the greater the inducements held out the more rapidly will our population be increased, and the greater the prosperity. Here the emigrant will find the highest prices paid for his labor, and here the farmer will find the richest soil known for his produce. Valley lands of great fertility await the grain grower, and boundless fields of the best pasturage for the herder and grazer

A healthy climate, an exhilarating atmosphere with a warm welcome to all those who come to make this their home.

Routes to Nevada and California

During the last year two new travel routes have been opened: one from Ruby City via Camp Lyon, Camp Award, Surprise Valley, Goose Lake and Fort Crook to Red Bluff, California; the other from the same starting-point via Camp Bidwell, Star City and Susanville to Chico on the Sacramento river. Upon the latter a mail contract was let, but, owing to the hostile demonstrations by the Indians of northern Nevada, eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho, it has been partially abandoned. The thanks of Idaho are due to the late departmental commander, Major General McDowell, for the establishment of military posts upon these routes, the furnishing of escorts, and the great heart so cordially manifested in protecting all the people who have traversed these thoroughfares. Arrangements are now in progress, and efforts are being made, which during the coming year will tend, without a doubt, to render safe from Indian outrages the emigrant and express to and from our Territory. No one can sympathize more deeply than I do with the victims of Indian depredations, and the red-man must sooner or later learn that it is not only to their interest, but that they are obliged to live on friendly and peaceable terms with their white neighbors. Much has been done, but much remains to do, and no lack of effort or energy on my part shall be wanting to attain the great result of freedom from annoyance from these. I will cheerfully labor to render permanently friendly. It is anticipated that the coming year will witness these routes most thoroughly established, and the intercourse with Nevada and California proportionately increase its value and importance.

Wealth of Idaho.

A bird's-eye view of the accumulating discoveries in our mineral resources, reveals that we have no cause to fear them. Rivers and gold and silver-bearing quartz ledges, graded in their value as we then reckon, and new discoveries and new locations are being made almost daily. The widths of lodes, or leads, vary from three to thirty feet, and they are found

from twenty to five hundred dollars per ton. Located, usually where water-power and timber are in abundance, they offer the highest inducements to the enterprising capitalists, whose investments can rarely fail of being of the most remunerative character. Among the other useful ores which have been discovered within the last year, Tin, Cinnabar, Copper, Lead, and Iron in many forms, are of the first value; yet Platina, Antimony, Nickel, Bismuthe, Iridium and Rhodium, simple, or compounded with other minerals, are found in various localities; but this is not all: beds of the best of Coal, both anthracite and bituminous, with rock Salt, Sulphur and Gypsum (better known as the fertilizing plaster of commerce), while the rarer precious gems, the Diamond, has been discovered in our gulches, all give you a feeling forleast of the illimitable extent of Idaho's varied mineral wealth, when the hand of man shall have uncovered her hidden treasures. The wide extent of our auriferous placers, only a moiety of which have been well prospected, checkered as they are by auriferous quartz-lodes, and leads, are rivaled only by auriferous mountain ledges, stratified, laminated and foliated with silver in chloride sulphurets-arsenic-ate, antimoniate and oxyde. This presents a fabulous array of marvelous deposites which will require the industry of ages to develope and exhaust.

Conclusion

In accordance with the provisions of the Organic Act it will be my desire to concur in all legislation which shall tend to harmonize the conflicting interests of all sections of the Territory that you, in your best judgment, may see fit to enact. In your deliberations may you be guided by Him who doeth all things well, and be kept in health and peace of mind in obedience to His divine will.

Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale

Boise City D. T. December 8th 1865

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Commission of J. R. McBride Chief Justice

Abraham Lincoln President of the United States of America

To all who shall see these Presents Greeting

Know Ye, That reposing special trust & Confidence in the wisdom uprightness and Learning of John R. McBride of Oregon, I have nominated and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Idaho, and do authorize and empower him to execute & fulfill the duties of that Office according to the Constitution & and Laws of the said United States to have and to hold the said Office, with all the powers privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining unto him the said John R. McBride for the term of four years from the date hereof, and until his successor shall be appointed and qualified

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made patent, and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed. — Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Sixty five, and of the independence of the United States of America the Eighty ninth

Abraham Lincoln

By the President

William H. Seward

Secretary of State

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Commission of Mr. Kelly. Associate Justice

Andrew Johnson. President of the United States of America.

To all who shall see these Presents, Greeting

Know Ye: That reposing special trust and confidence in the Wisdom Uprightness and Learning of Milton Kelly. I do appoint him to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Idaho, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that office according to the Constitution and Laws of said United States, and to have and to Hold the said Office with all the powers privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining unto Him the said Milton Kelly during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being and until the end of the next session of the Senate of the United States, and no longer.

In testimony whereof I have caused these Letters to be made patent, and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hands at the City of Washington, this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty five, and of the independence of the United States of America, the Eighty Ninth

By the President Andrew Johnson

W. Hunter

Acting Secretary of State

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Oath of S. R. Howlett

Territory of Idaho }
County of Ada } ss

I, S. R. Howlett, having been appointed by Caleb Lyon of Lyonsdale, Governor of the Territory of Idaho, as Acting Secretary of said Territory, do solemnly swear that that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign, and that I will bear true faith, allegiance and loyalty to the same, any ordenance, resolution or law of any State, Convention or Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding: and further that I do this with a full determination, feledge and purpose, without any mental reservation whatever; and further, that I will well and faithfully perform all the duties which may be required of me by law, so help me God

S. R. Howlett

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this tenth day of February A. D. Eighteen hundred and Sixty Six

A. L. Downer
Clerk of Supreme Court